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Jose F. Caragol
Vivian Casáls-Muñoz
Katharine E. Cue-Fuente
Paul B. Hernández
Lourdes Lozano

City Council Budget Meeting Agenda September 23, 2013 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order - **Council President Garcia-Martinez called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.**

Roll Call of Council Members – **All Council Members present.**

Also present were:

- o **Carlos Hernandez, Mayor**
- o **William Grodnick, City Attorney**
- o **Ines Beecher, Acting Director of OMB**
- o **Marbelys Fatjo, Acting City Clerk**

Invocation given by Marbelys Fatjo, Acting City Clerk

Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilmember Katharine E. Cue-Fuente

Meeting Guidelines

The following guidelines have been established by the City Council:

- **ALL LOBBYISTS MUST REGISTER WITH THE CITY CLERK**
- As a courtesy to others, please refrain from using cellular telephones or other similar electronic devices in the Council Chamber.
- A maximum of three (3) speakers in favor and three (3) speakers in opposition will be allowed to address the Council on any one item. Each speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.
- No signs or placards, in support of or in opposition to an item or speaker, shall be permitted within the Council Chamber.
- Members of the public may address the City Council on any item pertaining to City business during the Comments and Questions portion of the meeting. A member of the public is limited to one appearance before the City Council and the speaker's comments will be limited to three (3) minutes.

Announcement of Amendments/Corrections to the Agenda (if any) – A memorandum from the Director of the Office of Management and Budget, was placed on the dais, supporting the changes to the proposed budget.

1. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance accepting for budget purposes the Miami-Dade County Assessment Roll; establishing a tax millage rate of 6.3018 mills which is an increase of .51% over the roll back rate; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalties for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-57**

Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Gonzalez and seconded by Councilwoman Lozano. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

2. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Operating Budget for the City of Hialeah, Florida, in the amount of \$110,000,000, for the fiscal year 2013-2014 commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, for all departments of the City of Hialeah, except the Department of Public Works, Street Transportation Funds, Stormwater Funds, Capital Project Funds, Debt Service Funds and Special Revenue Funds; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-58**

Motion to approve made by Councilman Hernandez and seconded by Council Vice President Gonzalez. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

3. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Special Revenue Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2013-2014, commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, in the total amount of \$16,173,005. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-59**

Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Caragol. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

4. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Debt Service Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2013-2014, commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, in the total amount of \$7,704,739. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-60**

Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Caragol. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

5. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget for the Capital Project Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2013-2014, commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, in the total amount of \$12,575,287. Repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict

herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-61**

Motion to approve made by Councilman Hernandez and seconded by Councilman Caragol. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

6. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Street Transportation Funds of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2013-2014, commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, in the total amount of \$5,667,183; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-62**

Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Caragol. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

7. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the Stormwater Fund of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2013-2014, commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, in the total amount of \$3,502,550; repealing all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-63**

Motion to approve made by Council Vice President Gonzalez and seconded by Councilman Caragol. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

8. Second reading and public hearing of proposed ordinance approving and adopting the budget of the Department of Public Works of the City of Hialeah, Florida, for the fiscal year 2013-2014 commencing on October 1, 2013 and ending on September 30, 2014, in the total amount of \$82,371,794.00; and approving water and sewer rate increases, as attached hereto, to help offset wholesale sewer rate increases imposed by Miami Dade County effective October 1, 2013, in conjunction with a Consumer Price Index (CPI) adjustment and to maintain proper ratios of operating revenues and operating expenses of ordinances in conflict herewith; providing penalty for violation hereof; providing for a severability clause; and providing for an effective date. **APPROVED (7-0) ORDINANCE NO. 2013-64**

Motion to approve made by Councilman Caragol and seconded by Councilwoman Cue-Fuente. MOTION PASSED (7-0).

9. Comments and Questions:

- a. Eric Johnson, 73 East 1 Avenue, Hialeah, Florida, refrained from comment.
- b. Councilman Paul Hernandez stated that he is pleased with this budget because it is a responsible budget that does not impose undue burden on

citizens, while hiring police officers and firefighters, and offering the same level of services.

- c. Council Vice President Luis Gonzalez thanked the Mayor and Ines Beecher, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, for the transparency and corrections to the budget.
- d. Councilwoman Lourdes Lozano thanked Ines Beecher for answering all her questions with relation to the budget.
- e. Council President Isis Garcia-Martinez thanked Armando Vidal, Director of Public Works, Ines Beecher and the Mayor. Council President Garcia-Martinez stated that she is very proud of this budget as it does not raise taxes and maintains services. She also thanked the department heads and their employees for their accomplishments during a time where the departments are short on staff.
- f. Antonio Luis, 230 Cherokee Street, Miami Springs, FL, commented on the number of officers budgeted for in the budget.
- g. Mayor Carlos Hernandez stated that he is proud of the job achieved by the Chief of Police, the officers and staff of the Hialeah Police Department. He further stated that the City had a drop in revenues of 7 million dollars. Mayor Hernandez thanked the department heads and employees for their leadership during these difficult times. Mayor Hernandez stated that it is difficult to run a City without money and the administration has listened to the citizens who have expressed their opposition to a tax increase. He stated that we need to work together to get out of these hard times.

REPOR: The meeting was adjourned by Council President Garcia-Martinez at 7:21 p.m.

NEXT CITY COUNCIL MEETING: SEPTEMBER 24, 2013 at 7:00 P.M.

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